MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS INFORMATION SUMMARY... for your review Revised

DATE:

November 16, 2015

SUBJECT:

Amendment to the FY 2016 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to Approve the Addition of a Regional Transportation Planning Project for the Maricopa County Region

SUMMARY:

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2014, identifies planning projects for the Maricopa County Region as required by Federal regulation 23 CFR 450.308 (c) that includes a discussion of the planning priorities of the Metropolitan Planning Organization. Metropolitan transportation planning activities performed with funds provided under title 23 U.S.C. and title 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53 are required to be documented in the unified planning work program. Valley Metro received a Transit Oriented Development (TOD) planning grant to continue land use planning along the proposed Tempe Streetcar project. The effort will include preparing a strategic plan that will identify long term opportunities for TOD as well as an implementation program. The work will be done by City of Tempe with support from Valley Metro and is funded with \$250,000 by the FTA Grant and \$75,000 through local funds. The FTA has indicated that this project needs to be included in the narrative of the MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget appendix under FY 2016 Total Regional Planning Funds.

PUBLIC INPUT:

None.

PROS & CONS:

PROS: MAG is adding a project to the FY 2016 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget appendix under FY 2016 Total Regional Planning Funds that identifies an additional transportation planning project for the Maricopa County Region. This will provide information in the work program on a regional transportation planning project.

CONS: None.

TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

TECHNICAL: None.

POLICY: In accordance with Federal regulation 23 CFR 450.308(c) the UPWP will identify work proposed for the Maricopa County Region. In addition, metropolitan transportation planning activities performed with funds provided under title 23 U.S.C. and title 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53 are required to be documented in a unified planning work program.

ACTION NEEDED:

Recommend approval of the addition of the narrative for Transit Oriented Development (TOD) planning grant to continue land use planning along the proposed Tempe Streetcar project to the FY 2016 Total Regional Planning Funds section of the MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget.

PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTIONS:

None.

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